

made her insist she was descended from royalty or needed to return to her real home in Jerusalem—also made her refuse any kind of housing.

For more than two decades this tugging and pulling continued. As one former staffer put it, “she broke your heart” when she left the shelter at its 2:30 p.m. closing time, heading out into bruising heat in the summer, into the cold and the snow on wintry days. Housing—temporary or permanent—wasn’t for her, nor was the medication that might have allowed her to see the world differently.

But her decades on the streets began to take their toll on Stella. And, frankly she was no match for the Lunch Place staffers who were tireless in their devotion and relentless in their efforts to make whatever time remained for Stella safe and comfortable.

So for the last two years of her life Stella had a roof over her head and a place to call home.

And at the end of her days she had what so many others with so much more in material wealth would envy. She had at her bedside people who loved her. They loved her—we all loved her—for the simplest of reasons. She returned our affection and our kindness tenfold. She taught us that grace and dignity aren’t a function of wealth or power. And at the beginning of a new year she reminded us—even in death—that being poor or homeless or mentally ill doesn’t rob you of that grace or that dignity. That comes from within. Stella taught us that.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 35. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

H.R. 36. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 35. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as

the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 36. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 22. A bill to designate certain land components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 181. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 182. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-251. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Farm Program Payment Limitation and Payment Eligibility for 2009 and Subsequent Crop, Program, or Fiscal Years” (RIN0560-AH85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-252. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Proliferation Security Initiative; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-253. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department’s competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-254. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report and Recommendations Pursuant to Section 133 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008: Study on Mark-To-Market Accounting”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-255. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-256. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-257. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Matching Requirement in McKinney-Vento Act Programs” (RIN2506-AC24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-258. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Financial Education Programs That Include the Provision of Bank Products and Services” (RIN3064-AD28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-259. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Deposit Insurance Requirements After Certain Conversions; Definition of ‘Corporate Reorganization’; Optional Conversions (‘Oakar Transactions’); Additional Grounds for Disapproval of Changes in Control; and Disclosure of Certain Supervisory Information” (RIN3064-AD25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-260. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Assessment Dividends” (RIN3064-AD27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-261. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Actions Taken on Office of Inspector General Recommendations”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-262. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revision of Restricted Areas 4806W, 4807A&B, and 4809; Nevada” ((Docket No. FAA-2008-1252)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AWP-12)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-263. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revision of Class E Airspace; Ketchikan, AK” ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0998)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-29)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-264. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Toksook Bay, AK" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0999)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-30)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-265. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Ruby, AK" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0005)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-1)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-266. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Conroe, TX" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0960)(Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-17)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-267. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Napakiak, AK; Correction" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0454)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-13)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-268. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Edinburg, TX" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0985)(Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-18)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-269. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Franklin, NC" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0986)(Airspace Docket No. 08-ASO-15)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-270. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Metlakatla, AK" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-1018)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-31)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-271. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Butler, PA; Removal of Class E Airspace; East Butler, PA" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0836)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AEA-23)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-272. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D and E Airspace; Brunswick, ME" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0203)(Airspace Docket No. 08-ANE-99)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-273. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Washington, DC Metropolitan Area Special Flight Rules Area" ((RIN2120-A117)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-274. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Low Altitude Area Navigation T-254; Houston, TX" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0716)(Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-9)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-275. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments of Monetary Threshold for Reporting Rail Equipment Accidents/Incidents for Calendar Year 2009" (FRA-2008-0136) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-276. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for General Law, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Polyamide-11 (PA-11) Plastic Pipe Design Pressures" (RIN2137-AE26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-277. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-11, DC-8-12, DC-8-21, DC-8-31, DC-8-32, DC-8-33, DC-8-41, DC-8-42, and DC-8-43 Airplanes; Model DC-8-51, DC-8-52, DC-8-53, and DC-8-55 Airplanes; Model DC-8F-54 and DC-8F-55 Airplanes; Model DC-8-61, DC-8-62, and DC-8-63 Airplanes; Model DC-8-61F, DC-8-62F, and DC-8-63F Airplanes; Model DC-8-71, DC-8-72, and DC-8-73 Airplanes; and Model DC-8-71F, DC-8-72F, and DC-8-73F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0123)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-278. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aircraft Industries a.s. (Type Certificate G60EU previously held by LETECKE ZAVODY a.s. and LET Aeronautical Works) Model L 23 Super Blanik Sailplane" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1138)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-279. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company 172, 175, 177, 180, 182, 185, 188, 206, 207, 208, 210, 303, 336, and 337 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1328)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-280. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc. Models PA-46-350P, PA-46R-350T, and PA-46-500TP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1085)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-281. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-11, DC-8-12, DC-8-21, DC-8-31, DC-8-32, DC-8-33, DC-8-41, DC-8-42, and DC-8-43 Airplanes; Model DC-8-50 Series Airplanes; Model DC-8F-54 and DC-8F-55 Airplanes; Model DC-8-60 Series Airplanes; Model DC-8-60F Series Airplanes; Model DC-8-70 Series Airplanes; and Model DC-8-70F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0858)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-282. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems Model 340A (SAAB/SF340A) and SAAB 340B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1044)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-283. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0977)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-284. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation (RRC) AE 3007A Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0975)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-285. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier-Rotax GmbH 914 F Series Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0842)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-286. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company (GE) CT7-8A Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2006-24261)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-287. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-200, AT-300, AT-400, AT-500, AT-600, and AT-800 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1120))

received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-288. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Model 560 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0903)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-289. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc. Model MD900 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1250)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-290. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments to the Minimum and Maximum Civil Monetary Penalties for Violations of Federal Railroad Safety Laws or Federal Railroad Administration Safety Regulations" (RIN2130-AB94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-291. A communication from the Division Chief of Legislation and Regulations, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "America's Marine Highway Program" (RIN2133-AB70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-292. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Crustacean Fisheries; Deepwater Shrimp; Correction" (RIN0648-AV29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-293. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2007-2009 Specifications" (RIN0648-XM06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-294. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New Jersey" (RIN0648-XL93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-295. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for 2008 Winter II Period" (RIN0648-XL95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2009;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-296. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XM17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-297. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12" (RIN0648-XK59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-298. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fisheries; Groundfish Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Individual Fishing Quota Program; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program; Record-keeping and Reporting; Permits" (RIN0648-AT91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-299. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New Jersey" (RIN0648-XL93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-300. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-AX43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-301. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Halibut in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XL84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-302. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XL76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on Janu-

ary 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-303. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Whiting Allocation" (RIN0648-XK69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-304. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Subsistence Fishing" (RIN0648-AW36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-305. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Pelagic Fisheries; Squid Jig Fisheries" (RIN0648-AS71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-306. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, and "Other Flatfish" by Vessels Participating in the Amendment 80 Limited Access Fishery in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" ((ID 112108A) (Docket No. 071106673-8011-02)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-307. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Critical Habitat for Threatened Elkhorn and Staghorn Corals" (RIN0648-AV35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-308. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assessment of Demand Response & Advanced Metering"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-309. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nebraska: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL-8758-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-310. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-311. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-312. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Education (Special Education and Rehabilitative Services), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRPs)" (4000-01-U) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-313. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Director, National Institutes of Health, received on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-314. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of General Counsel, received on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-315. A communication from the Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-316. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-317. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal years 2003-2008 and plans for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-318. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Testimony by NARA Employees Relating to Agency Information and Production of Records in Legal Proceedings" (RIN3095-AB32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-319. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the need for existing bankruptcy judgeships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-320. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of United States Attorney, District of New Jersey, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-321. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-322. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2008; to the

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-323. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business Loan Program Regulations: Incorporation of London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) Base Rate and Secondary Market Pool Interest Rate Changes" (RIN3245-AF83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-324. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Chief Counsel for Advocacy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-325. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program and Other Miscellaneous Issues" (RIN2900-AM67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 167. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 168. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or 2 or more misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. ALLEXANDER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KYL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 169. A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 170. A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 171. A bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Nino events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 172. A bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. REED):

S. 173. A bill to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within NOAA; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 174. A bill to establish a coordinated and comprehensive Federal ocean and coastal mapping program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 175. A bill to evaluate certain skills certification programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 176. A bill to improve the job access and reverse commute program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 177. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to extend the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs, to increase the allocation of Federal agency grants for those programs, to add water, energy, transportation, and domestic security related research to the list of topics deserving special consideration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 178. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education of 1965 to authorize a connecting education and emerging professions demonstration grant program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 179. A bill to improve quality in health care by providing incentives for adoption of modern information technology; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 180. A bill to establish the Cache La Poudre River National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY,

Mr. REID, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DORGAN,